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1. there are now no infantry in Lovech and the Lovech garrison is made up principally of artillery units equipped with both guns and howitzers. A Bulgarian Air Force radio installation, possibly a radio school, also exists in Lovech and there is an artillery munitions dump about one kilometer southwest of town, on the Botevgrad road. Lovech airfield is not in use.
- Barracks Area
2. Observations were made at the barracks area in the center of town and at the depot southwest of town. The barracks area fronts on Khristo Kurpachev boulevard and occupies an area 350 meters long and 200 to 300 meters deep (see sketch 1). This is only about half the size it was reported to be in December 1954. The entire area is surrounded by a fence about two and one-half meters high. It could accommodate approximately one regiment.
3. Within the barracks compound were noted: (see sketch # 1)
- In the western part of the area two one story buildings about 10 x 15 meters each and two or three two story buildings about 30 x 10 meters.
- An uninterrupted series of low buildings along part of the west wall.
- A series of low buildings along the north wall.
- A dump of fuel drums in the northeast corner.
- Several artillery pieces. (10-12 76.2 mm guns, ZIS-3, 1942 model, and 10-12 76.2 mm howitzers, 1943 model).
4. An artillery sentry was at the main entrance to the area and about 50 artillery troops were in the barracks courtyard.
5. Between two of the buildings in the western part of the compound is a flat top antenna (three wires) about 25 meters long. A telephone center is located in one of the buildings. A Bulgarian Air Force non-com was seen in one of the buildings near the entrance of the lines.

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6. The headquarters of the Lovech garrison is located just south of the barracks area in a two story house about 8 x 6 meters set in a small garden. Several artillery officers were seen there.

Munitions Depot (see sketch # 2)

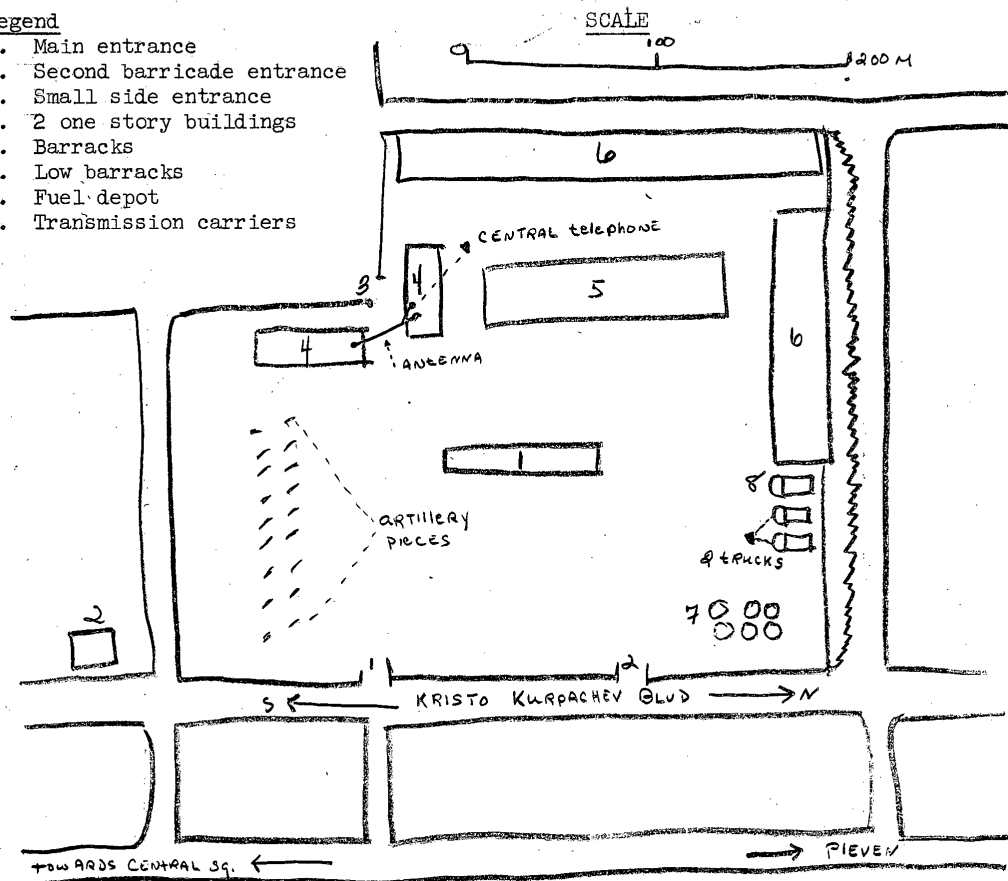
7. The munitions depot is on the south side of the Lovech-Mikre-Botevgrad road about one kilometer from town. It is about 500 meters long and is protected by barbed wire. There are about 20 buildings in the depot, all low with tile roofs aligned in three or four rows on the side of a hill. There are no rail tracks leading into the depot and only one road. The road runs from the south side of the depot to Lovech. One artillery soldier was seen near the entrance.

8. Miscellaneous Seen on the streets of the city of Lovech were several artillery officers, non-coms and soldiers and a few Air Force non-coms. No infantry troops were noted.

SKETCH # I. Barracks Compound

Legend

1. Main entrance
2. Second barricade entrance
3. Small side entrance
4. 2 one story buildings
5. Barracks
6. Low barracks
7. Fuel depot
8. Transmission carriers



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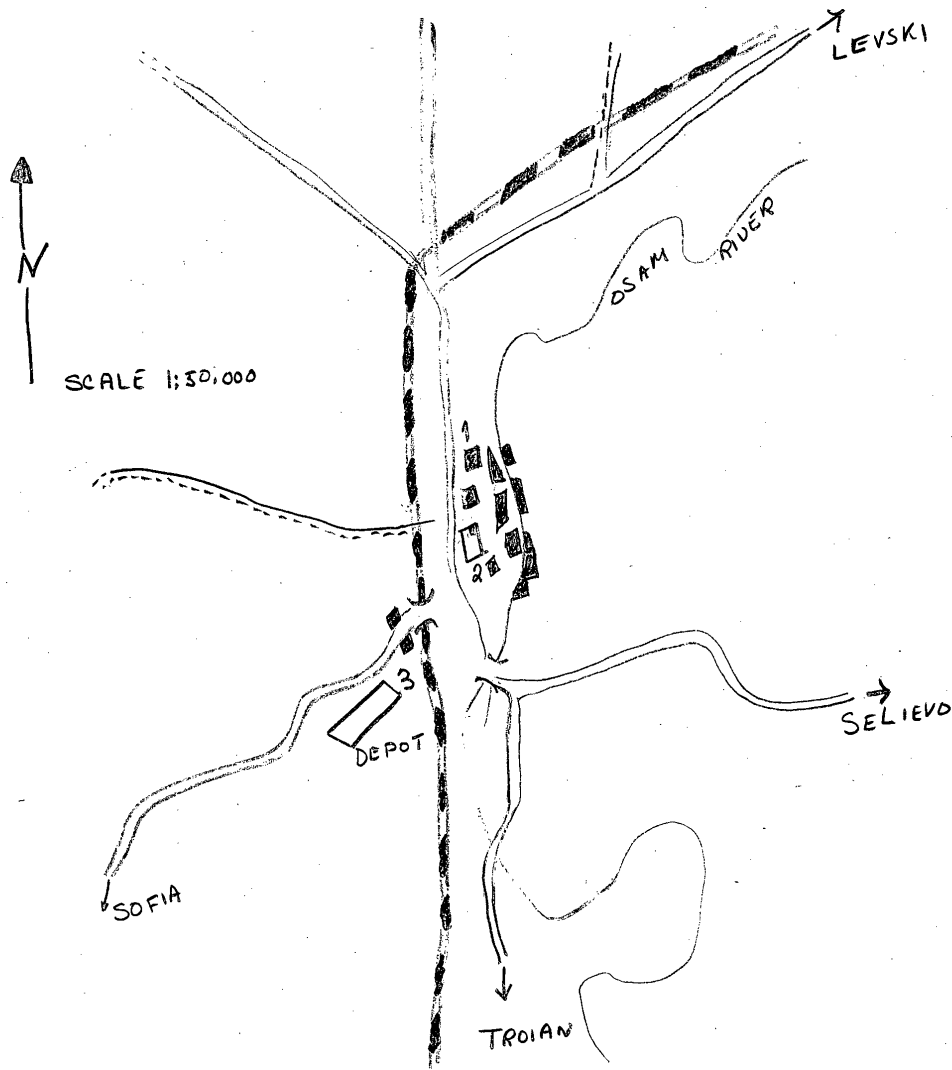
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SKETCH # 2 Lovech Garrison



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